

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2013
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Barry Broussard, Andrew Mancuso and with Raleigh Boudreaux, Norris Crappell, and Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Robby Robinson; Duval Arthur, Homeland Security; Jason Kennedy, T. Baker Smith; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Sept 12 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Mancuso’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo solicited public comments. There were none.

Mr. Matte reported that a meeting with Mayor Breaux, with the Town of Baldwin, Reid Miller, and Ms. Angela Kraemer has been held for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project. Mr. Matte reported the primary issue as of now is to secure the right-of-ways for the levees. Mr. Matte stated Mayor Breaux will discuss with his attorney his availability to work on securing the titles. Once the titles are secured the next step will be to appraise the property needed.

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported a meeting was held with Sunrise Marine about the Yokeley Levee project along with Bo LaGrange and Parish President Paul Naquin. The company had concerns about alignment of the levee; Mr. Miller stated they are still looking at other alternatives.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project is expected to be complete on November 4. Mr. Pena stated that the barge is 99% complete, sheetpile for the pump station has been driven, and a change order is in process for a culvert to be installed at the generator pad near the toe of the levee.

Mr. Pena reported the status of the Franklin Canal Pump Station. The 100% of design documents were submitted to CPRA. SJB Group is working on the design of the gas line and Cleco is in the process of bringing shore power to the Franklin Canal Pump Station generator pad site.

Mr. Pena reported that survey data collection has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers are in the process of inputting the existing data. Mr. Pena stated the two models should be completed by the end of the month and they will schedule a meeting with St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported the Coastal Use Permit has been received for the Hanson Canal and he is currently waiting for the permit from the USACE. Mr. Miller stated all comments were submitted back to the USACE’s Engineering Division for Yellow Bayou. Once the drawings are finalized the plans will be sent to Louisiana Solutions to be reviewed and wait for authorization to advertise for construction.

Mr. Matte reported a request by T. Baker Smith to amend the Morgan City Levee Improvements contract for additional geotechnical borings to evaluate a potential “borrow site” on the Hellenic property in Morgan City near the La. 70 canal. The Amendment also authorizes

T. Baker Smith to perform permitting service on the Siracusa levees. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the Amendment No. 1 to the Morgan City Levee Improvements contact, which covers the two items, subject to the approval of the Drainage District. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion passed unanimously.

T. Baker Smith's Jason Kennedy reported on the status of the work that has been done on the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Project (LCIP). Mr. Kennedy stated survey crews are 25% completed on the alignment to Pump Station #6 and Eutis Engineering has completed 5 borings, of 8 borings to be completed. Mr. Kennedy stated they should be completed by the end of following week.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and geotech data collection is completed and the geotechnical report has been received on the Bayou Chene project. Surveying for modeling has been completed and the modelers are working on the grid. Mr. Pena stated the permit comment period has ended and is waiting on comments.

Mr. Matte reported he attended a meeting with parish officials and Shona Gibson, a FEMA representative on Sept. 18 before the federal government shutdown to discuss the status of the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps released in 2008 and to discuss the options of "seclusion" for those areas of the Parish with deficiencies and the LAMP process for the Parish. Mr. Matte stated that the plan was for the FEMA representative to come to the parish with a document explaining what needs to be done to adopt the maps; however since the Government shutdown Mr. Matte said he has not heard from anyone with FEMA.

Mr. Bourgeois reported he was contacted by GOHESP's attorney due to the efforts of closing out the project worksheets from the Flood Fight of 2011. A meeting was held last week with a team of GOHESP staff members and SMLD to insure all documents have been submitted.

Mr. Bourgeois recommended a motion be passed to amend the agenda and add 10F as an agenda item for the naming of the Franklin Canal Flood Control Project. Mr. Hebert motioned to expand the agenda to add the above mentioned as an agenda item. Following Mr. Terry's second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard motioned to name the Franklin Canal flood structure the Philip Luke Memorial Franklin Canal Closure in honor of a deceased commission member. Following Mr. Terry's second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that he spoke with FEMA officials making them aware that SMLD is ready to move forward in raising the Wax Lake East Levees. Mr. Matte explained Miller Engineers has submitted a proposal to perform survey, drafting, permitting, design and construction oversight in the amount of \$22,952.00 to raise those levees. Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the above proposal, which was seconded by Mr. Vidos and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo suggested that once the project of raising the Wax Lake East Levee has been completed, the USACE will be invited to revisit and re-survey for the LSER.

Mr. Matte explained CPRA has contacted the Levee District for a list of projects that are shovel ready or near shovel ready that would be completed within the next five years to include in their capital outlay request, which is due Nov 1st. Mr. Matte reported there are six projects that could be submitted to CPRA. Mr. Broussard motioned to authorize Mr. Matte to submit the list of projects to CPRA. Following Mr. Mancuso's second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brocato reported an area on the Wax Lake East levees near Cotten Road in Patterson has "scoured" along the tree line. Mr. Brocato explained that the USACE is aware of the issue and was told it is a minor maintenance issue. Mr. Miller agreed to look at the area of deterioration when he begins the work on the project of raising the levees in the area.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Mancuso and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District